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AUXILIARY ISSUE

POETRY

HYMN OF HATE

And this I hate—not men, nor flag nor race,
But only War with its wild, grinning face.
God strike it till its eyes be blind as night,
And all its members tremble with affright!

Oh, let it hear in its death agony
The wail of mothers for their best-lov'd ones,
And on its head
Descend the venomed curses of its sons
Who followed her, deluded, where its guns
Had died the daisies red.

All these I hate—war and its panoply,
The lie that hides its ghastly mockery,
That makes its glories out of women's tears,
The toil of peasants through the burdened years,
The legacy of long disease that preys
On bone and body in the after days.

God's curses pour,
Until it shrivel with its votaries
And die away in its own fiery seas,
That nevermore
Its dreadful call of murder may be heard;
A thing accursed in very deed and word from blood drenched shore to shore!

—Joseph D. Miller.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If you wish to appear agreeable in society you must consent to be taught many things which you know already. —Lavater.

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And they entered into a covenant to fight for the liberty of the Nephites, yea, to protect the land unto the laying down of their lives; yea, even they covenanted that they would never give up their liberty, but they would fight in all cases to protect the Nephites and themselves from bondage.

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A great deal of talent is lost in the world for the want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves a number of obscure men, who have only remained in obscurity because their timidity has prevented them from making a first effort; and who, if they could have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame. The fact is, that to do anything in this world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can. It will not do to be perpetually calculating risks and adjusting nice chances; it did very well before the Flood, when a man could consult his friends upon an intended publication for a hundred and fifty years, and then live to see its success afterwards; but at present a man waits, and doubts, and consults his brother and his particular friend, till one fine day he finds that he is sixty years of age; that he has lost so much time in consulting his first cousins and particular friends, that he has no more time to follow their advice.

—Sidney Smith.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER:

Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, U.S.A.

Message Of The First Presidency Of The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints

AS READ AT THE 113th GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH HELD IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, OCTOBER, 1942

(Continued from previous issue)

PARENTHOOD

Amongst His earliest commands to Adam and Eve, the Lord said: "Multiply and replenish the earth." He has repeated that command in our day. He has again revealed in this the Last Dispensation, the principle of the eternity of the marriage covenant. He has restored to earth the authority for entering into that covenant, and has declared that it is the only due and proper way of joining husband and wife, and the only means by which the sacred family relationship may be carried beyond the grave and through eternity. He has declared that this eternal relationship may be created only by the ordinances which are administered in the holy Temples of the Lord, and therefore that His people should marry only in His Temple in accordance with such ordinance.

The Lord has told us that it is the duty of every husband and wife to obey the command given to Adam to multiply and replenish the earth, so that the legions of choice spirits waiting for their tabernacles of flesh may come here and move forward under God's great design to become perfect souls, for without these fleshly tabernacles they cannot progress to their God-planned destiny. Thus every husband and wife should become a father and mother in Israel to children born under the holy, eternal covenant.

By bringing these choice spirits to earth, each father and each mother assumes towards the tabernacled spirit and towards the Lord Himself, by having taken advantage of the opportunity He offered, an obligation of the most sacred kind, because the fate of that spirit in the eternities to come, the blessings or punishments which shall await it in the hereafter, depend, in great part, upon the care, the teachings, the training which the parents shall give to that spirit.

No parent can escape that obligation and that responsibility, and for the proper meeting thereof, the Lord will hold us to a strict accountability. No loftier duty than this can be assumed by mortals.

Motherhood thus becomes a holy calling, a sacred dedication for carrying out the Lord's plans, a consecration of devotion to the uprearing and fostering, the nurturing in body, mind, and spirit, of those who kept their first estate and who come to this earth, for their second estate "to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." (Abraham 3: 25.) To lead them to keep their second estate, is the work of motherhood, and "they who keep their second estate shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever"—op. cit.

This divine service of motherhood can be rendered only by mothers. It may not be passed to others. Nurses cannot do it; public nurseries cannot do it; hired help cannot do it—only mother, aided as much as may be by the loving hands of father, brothers, and sisters, can give the full needed measure of watchful care.

The mother who entrusts her child to the care of others, that she

may do non-motherly work, whether for gold, for fame, or for civic service, should remember that "a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." (Prov. 29: 15.) In our day the Lord has said that unless parents teach their children the doctrines of the Church "the sin be upon the heads of the parents."—D. and C. 68: 25.

Motherhood is near to divinity. It is the highest, holiest service to be assumed by mankind. It places her who honours its holy calling and service next to the angels. To you mothers in Israel we say God bless and protect you, and give you strength and courage, the faith and knowledge, the holy love and consecration to duty, that shall enable you to fill to the fullest measure the sacred calling which is yours. To you mothers and mothers-to-be we say: Be chaste, keep pure, live righteously, that your posterity to the last generation may call you blessed.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

We pour out our thanks to our Heavenly Father for the faithfulness and devotion of the great body of the Church, without which the work of the Lord would languish. To the faithful members we extend our deep and sincere gratitude for their loyal support to their Ward and Stake officers and to the General Authorities of the Church. Except for this also, the growth and stability of the Church would suffer.

For the faith of the Saints as shown in the payment of their tithes and offerings we thank the Lord. We renew to them the promise, so graciously pronounced by Malachi to ancient Israel, that for their faithfulness the Lord will open the windows of Heaven and pour out His blessings upon them.

We are grateful likewise for the willing and effective response of the people to the Welfare Plan. We call attention to the repeated official warnings which say that we face the urgent likelihood of a shortage in many of the necessities of life. We point out that the very purpose of the Welfare Plan is to help the people in such circumstances. We again urge that they wholeheartedly support and work out this plan in its full measure.

We thank the Priesthood of the Church for their increased activity and devotion. The carrying forward of the Lord's work rests upon their shoulders. We say to you brethren, bearers of God's Holy Priesthood, duly ordained to your high and holy callings by the servants of the Lord holding His authority thereto, be faithful to the divine agency that has been bestowed upon you, magnify your offices, seek for the blessings of the Lord.

To the auxiliaries we are grateful for the work of each in the sphere assigned to it. You represent the First Presidency in the labour assigned to you. Seek earnestly to carry out not only the letter but the spirit of the instructions from time to time issued to you, to do otherwise will bring trouble and a lessening of the good you are counted upon to do.

Again we thank the officers of Stakes and Wards for their devoted service. The Lord will give them manifold blessings for the great burdens they carry in His service.

Lastly we give to our brethren and associates of the General Authorities, our unstinted love and gratitude for their loyal devotion to the cause of the Lord, for the unfailing assistance they give to the First Presidency in carrying the great burdens of these troublous times, and for their faith and the righteousness of their living.

Upon all we ask the Lord to bestow His choicest blessings.

We close with a prayer:

INVOCATION

Our Heavenly Father:

In deep humility we Thy people,

Israel of to-day, come to Thy throne pleading for Thy grace and Thy mercy. Forgive what Thou hast seen amiss in us, overlook our waywardness, keep not in mind our lightmindedness and our forgetfulness of our debt to Thee for all we have and are, but hold in memory our desire to serve Thee and to keep Thy commandments, and increase these to us from day to day. Let nothing be betwixt us and Thee at this hour. And standing thus, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee speedily to work out Thy purposes in the earth. Bring quickly to those against whom Thy righteous anger has gone forth because of their iniquity, a sense of their sins and great guilt, and plant in their hearts a will to repent and hereafter to walk in Thy paths, guided only by Thy commandments, that, Thy purposes accomplished, peace, Thy peace and the peace of man, may return to bless the earth.

Stay the hands, O Father, of the Destroyer. Let him not further curse the world with the slaughter of Thy children, nor pour out upon them a fuller measure of the sore afflictions of famine, plague, and pestilence. We know what Thou hast decreed against a sinning world, but we humbly bow at Thy throne and with our whole hearts we pray Thee that, as seemeth to Thee well, in Thy infinite knowledge and wisdom, Thou wilt abate Thy righteous indignation, take away from the full measure of Thy punishments, hasten the carrying out of Thy purposes, shorten these days of world tribulation.

We know how we Thy children have erred, we know how we have failed to live the lives Thou has marked out for us, but at this time, O Father, we humbly pray that Thou wilt close Thine eyes to our misdoings and recall not our frailties, nor withhold forgiveness for our transgressions, but grant us this, our prayer for the speedy fulfillment of Thy purposes, that peace may come, that the cries of a wailing world may no longer afflict Thine ears, and that Thy people may again go forward in their work of spreading Thy Gospel and bringing salvation to the honest in heart.

Bless the needy, the sick, the world over; make easy the pains of the innocent and righteous ones who have been torn by war; comfort the mothers, the widows, the fatherless. Be merciful to all who suffer in mind or body or spirit.

For Thy boundless mercies to us we are humbly grateful. Lead us day by day so to live as to be more worthy of Thy manifold blessings, without which we should perish.

Grant us these blessings, O Father, for we ask them humbly in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HEBER J. GRANT.
J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.
DAVID O. MCKAY.

CHURCH PUBLICITY IN THE BRITISH MISSION.

ELDERS ARTHUR J. FISHER AND MELVIN W. DUNN have been appointed to take charge of Radio department, gramophone records, slide films, and lanterns, etc., the property of the Church in the British Mission.

They will be pleased to attend to the requirements of Missionaries and district workers in supplying and exchanging slide films, scripts, and records, etc., and in repairing and maintaining all equipment in use throughout the Mission.

Their address is:

79, OAK ROAD, QUINTON, BIRMINGHAM 32.

Tobacco, Tombstones And Profits

YOU have seen pictures of military cemeteries near great battlefields. Upon every headstone is chisled "Killed in action." If one knew nothing about war, these headstones would be sufficient to impress upon him that war is deadly—that it kills.

How much would you know about tobacco if on the tombstone of everyone killed by it were inscribed "killed by tobacco." You would know a lot more about it than you do now, but you would not know all because tobacco does more than kill; **it half kills.** It has its victims in the cemeteries and in the streets. It is bad enough to be dead but it is a question if it is not sometimes worse to be half dead—to be nervous, irritable, unable to sleep well, with efficiency cut in two and vitality ready to snap at the first great strain. This seems like exaggeration. It isn't. It is well within the truth. It is profitable to slowly poison you and millions of others, so you are poisoned. You were only a child when you were urged to smoke cigarettes. A little later you saw advertisements in which your attention was called to cigars and smoking tobacco. Now you are pressed to use tobacco in all its forms, except as snuff. You can buy snuff if you want to, but it is not urged. Perhaps there are too many false teeth to make sneezing popular. But chewing and smoking are set forth by the tobacco trusts as delightful, harmless pastimes. It is even declared that the use of tobacco is beneficial—that it "soothes" the nerves. Chloroform soothes the nerves, too. A small bottle will soothe them for ever.

Let me tell you how tobacco kills. Smokers do not all drop dead around the cigar lighters in tobacco stores. They go away and years later die of something else. From the tobacco trusts point of view that is one of the finest things about tobacco. The victims do not die on the premises even when sold the worst cigars. They go away and when they die doctors certify that they died of something else—pneumonia, heart disease, typhoid fever, or what not. In other words, tobacco kills indirectly and escapes the blame. Nicotine, after you have used it awhile, puts you in a conditions to be "bumped off" by the first thing that hits you. But the truth will never be known about tobacco so long as the great tobacco companies are able to spend millions of dollars to build up and maintain business with which to poison the people for a profit. Did you ever think what would become of the tobacco habit if there were no profit in selling tobacco? Was anyone ever born with a taste for tobacco? On the contrary, every one is born with a taste against it—tobacco produces a sickness for the first few times it is used. If there were no money in poisoning people with tobacco the tobacco habit would die out with the last of its present victims. We use tobacco to-day only because it is foisted upon each generation as opium was foisted upon the Chinese and as cigarettes are being foisted upon us now. Billboard advertising, magazine advertising, radio advertising. search every nook and cranny of the country for victims.

Luther Burbank,
in "Human Culture Digest."

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I plead with you all never to allow yourselves to fall into the error of measuring the blessings of our Father in heaven by the financial success or failure which may come to you. It has been said that God must have supreme contempt for wealth, judging by many of those whom He allows to have it in great abundance.

DEATHS.

BRINDLE—Sister Annie Brindle, of the Wigan Branch, Liverpool District, passed away on December 2nd, 1942. Interment took place at the Wigan Cemetery on December 7th, after a funeral service conducted by President Clifford Hartley. Brother Herbert S. Webster was the speaker, and the grave was dedicated by President Hartley. A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 13th, at which 36 members and friends were present. Speakers were Elders Norman H. Rickard and Joseph Heyes.

WRIGHT—Sister Mary Wright, member of the Sunderland branch, Newcastle District, died on December 10th, 1942. A funeral service was conducted in the home by Elder Stanley Short on December 14th, at which Elder Austin gave a talk on the Resurrection. Interment took place at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery, and Elder Stanley Short dedicated the grave.

DUNSTAN—Sister Maggie Dunstan passed away at the age of 69 on October 29th, 1942. She had been an active member of the Gainsborough branch, Hull District for many years. Burial took place at the Morton Cemetery, Gainsborough.

CORLESS—Brother Charles Thomas Corless, of the Preston branch, Liverpool District, passed away on September 23rd, 1942. The activities of this brother have been limited owing to his being confined to hospital for many years. He had been a member of the Church for twelve years. The funeral service was held in the home of the deceased on Saturday, September 27th, conducted by District President P. I. Cookman. Elder Hardy D. Foster dedicated the grave. A memorial service was held in the Preston branch on Sunday, September 28th.

WAITE—Brother Albert Waite, of the Pudsey branch, Leeds District, died on December 8th from injuries sustained when he was knocked down by a motor vehicle. District President Herbert Walker conducted the funeral service held in the Pudsey Cemetery Chapel on December 12th, 1942, at which speakers were Elders George Pitts and J. C. Harrison. President Walker dedicated the grave.

HOWARTH—Brother Fred Howarth, of the Lowestoft branch, Norwich District, died on December 16th. Funeral service was held in the Chapel of Rest, conducted by Branch President Sidney W. Coleby on December 21st. Interment took place at the Kirkley Cemetery, and the grave was dedicated by Brother William H. Daniels.

DENNEY—Brother George Denney, of the Nelson branch, Liverpool District, passed away after a long illness on December 14th, 1942, at the age of 22 years. A funeral service was held in the home of the deceaesd on Decmber 17th, under the direction of President John R. Moore. President Moore and President John E. Owens spoke at the service and Sister Ellen Duckworth sang a solo. Interment took place at Colne Cemetery, the grave being dedicated by President Owens.

AYDEN—Sister Anne M .Ayden, of the Great Yarmouth branch, Norwich District, died at Bunwell Norwich, Norfolk, October 28th, at the age of 71 years She was buried at Gorleston-on-Sea, October 31st, 1942. The grave was dedicated by Branch President Albert A. Cole. She had been a faithful member of the Church for 26 years, and was much loved and respected by members of the branch in which she was very active.

WASCITIS—At the request of Brother Wascitis, of Salt Lake City, Utah, now serving in the US. Air Force, a memorial service was held in honour of his mother, who passed away since his departure from the United States. District President conducted the service held in the Preston branch hall, Liverpool District, on October 4th, 1942. Speakers were Elder Walker of the U.S. Air Corps and Elder Harry D. Foster of Preston.

Sister Hilda Woodford was released from her office as a member of the British Mission Genealogical Board on November 12th, 1942, having completed exactly a year of service. During this time she served as a full-time Missionary for six months, in which time she was able to render signal service toward building up the Mission organisation. The Mission Presidency and members of the Board express their appreciation for her faithful services.

The Church Moves On

THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE

Distinguished as exclusively a Priesthood officers' gathering, the 113th semi-annual general conference of the Church convened Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, in the tabernacle in Salt Lake City. Temple Square was closed to the public both days. Cards of admission had previously been issued to the representation of the Priesthood, numbering well over eleven thousand.

President Heber J. Grant attended and presided at all five conference sessions, all of which were conducted by President David O. McKay. President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., read th emessage of the First Presidency at the opening meeting. President Grant's message was read by President David O. McKay, who on Sunday morning was also heard over Columbia's Church of the Air immediately following the traditional Tabernacle Choir broadcast, which formed part of the Sunday morning session. Proceedings of both the Saturday and the Sunday morning meetings were broadcast over radio station K.S.L.

Of interest to the Church at large was the sustaining at the opening session of Professor Joseph F. Smith, head of the speech department at the University of Utah and lineal descendant of Hyrum Smith, as patriarch of the Church, a position only temporarily filled since 1932.

A fast and testimony meeting Sunday afternoon concluded a conference which will be long remembered by those who attended and partook of the outpouring of the spirit on that occasion.

NAVY HONOURS LATE CAPTAIN BENNION.

The first of six units comprising the Farragut, Idaho, naval training station has been named Camp Bennion in honour of Captain Mervyn Sharp Bennion, who was killed in action at Pearl Harbour, December 7, 1941.

PRESIDENT GRANT TELLS BETT SUGAR HISTORY.

In a Columbia Broadcasting System programme, September 26, President Heber J. Grant described his experiences in aiding the establishment of the beet sugar industry in Utah.

In 1891 the first beet sugar factory to be built by American workmen and equipped with American-made machinery was built at Lehi, Utah.

ENGLISH HORN PIPES PLACED IN TABERNACLE ORGAN

A seventy-three-pipe solo English horn section has recently been installed in the Salt Lake Tabernacle organ under the direction of J. J. Toronto. It is believed that the section will be used a great deal by organists for solo work, especially on radio programmes.

L.D.S. SERVICE MEN IN GOOD SPIRITS.

Latter-day Saint men in the armed forces of the country are in good spirits and are maintaining a high standard of living, Elders Albert T. Bowen and Harold B. Lee, of the Council of the Twelve, reported early in September, as they completed a three-weeks' tour of army camps on the Pacific Coast.

A WAR SLOGAN.

Missionaries of the Eastern States Mission have recently adopted the slogan "I will do my best—there may not be another to take my place."

EARLY INDIAN HISTORY TOLD ON RADIO.

Elder Juan Gonzales, president of the Spanish-American Branch of the Spanish-American Mission was interviewed on the early history of the Indians over radio station KGFJ, Los Angeles, August 30.

He told legends of his ancestors and how those legends were helping to prove the truth of a book which told of the origin of the Indians. Not until the end of the interview didhe call the Book of Mormon by name.

RADIO IN THE WESTERN STATES MISSION.

Verl F. Scott, Mission Secretary.

From the simple request of one missionary, now almost forgotten, the use of radio programmesin proulgating the gospel has been utilised on a large scale in the Western States Mission.

Two years ago an elder requested weekly half hour from station KFNF, in Shenandoah, Iowa, to present the Fulness of Times recordings. Atfer the missionaries labouring there had finished playing them, they began to present live talent programmes at the request of the station manager. hese presentations consisted of short sermonettes intermingled with sacred songs, and a ten-minute sermon on some phase of Mormonism.

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EDITORIAL

Who Is Elias?

What Is The Mission Of Elias?

AT the dedication of the Kirtland Temple in April, 1836, several ancient prophets appeared and delivered their keys of authority to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. Among these worthies was Elias, who "committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham, saying that in us and our seed all generations after us should be blessed." (D. and C. 110: 12; see also, Matthew 17: 1-13.) From this reference to "the **dispensation** of the gospel of Abraham,"it has been concluded that Elias was a prophet who lived near the time of the patriarch, Abraham. Really, nothing more definite is known about the person Elias and his activity on earth. It is very evident that he was a personage of importance, for he held the "keys" of authority in a mission of vital importance in carrying out on earth the plan of salvation.

More is known about the nature of the mission of Elias. In a revelation to the Prophet, in August, 1830, it is stated that the Lord has committed to Elias "the keys of bringing to pass the **restoration** of all things spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began, concerning the last days." (D. and C. 27:6.) In the same revelation it is stated that the angel who visited Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, promised that he should have a son, and his name should be John, and he should be filled with the spirit of Elias." (Verse 7; see also, Luke 1: 17.) Now, it has been made clear from a later revelation that the mission of John was "to prepare them (the Jews and others) for the coming of the Lord." (D and C. 84: 28; see also, Luke 1: 5-17; John 1: 19-28.) It is concluded from this and other passages (See D. and C. 77: 9,14) that the mission and spirit of the prophet Elias are to do the necessary preparatory work whenever a gospel dispensation or period is about to be opened. This is in full accord with the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith that "The spirit of Elias is to prepare the way for a greater revelation of God, which is the Priesthood of Elias, or

the Priesthood that Aaron was ordained unto. And when God sends a man into the world to prepare for a greater work, holding the keys of the power of Elias, it was called the doctrine of Elias." **(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith,** pp. 335, 336.)

This understanding of the mission and spirit of Elias has led many writers, ancient and modern, to speak of any person charged with preparatory work, one who goes before, as an Elias. Thus, John the Baptist was an Elias in his work as a forerunner of the Christ. Similarly, each personage, from Moroni to those appearing in the Kirtland Temple, who introduced the present, last dispensation of the gospel, may be spoken of as an Elias. Elias, then, is often used as a title, as the titles of bishop, prophet, or president are used, betokening a special position, mission service, power, or authority. With this in mind many otherwise obscure scriptural passages may be understood. (See D. and C. 77: 9, 14; Revelation 7: 2, 3; 10: 1-11.)

The names Elijah and Elias are but variations of one original name. Therefore, in many languages these names are translated alike, as Elias. This has tended to confuse many gospel students who do not use English Bibles as to the personality of Elias. Indeed, Elias and Elijah have been made to appear as one person. Yet it should not be so, for many different men in various historical periods may have borne the same name. For example, the Baptist and the Revelator were both named John.

We do know that Elias was a mighty man of God charged in his day with a most important mission. We know, also, that any man who may be called to prepare the way for the consummation of the Lord's purposes is engaged in the mission of Elias, and therefore may be called an Elias.

It should be said that some students believe that Elias, who appeared in the Kirtland Temple was Noah, the patriarch. Modern revelation informs us that Elias visited Zacharias to inform him that he should have a son known later as John the Baptist. (D. and C. 27: 7.) The Bible says that it was the angel Gabriel who visited Zacharias. (Luke 1: 19.) Joseph Smith said that Gabriel is Noah. These students conclude, therefore, that Elias is another name or title for Noah. This inference may or may not be correct. The name Gabriel may be borne by more than one personage or it may be a title, as in the case of Elias. When Elias, the man, lived, and what he did in his life, must for the present remain in the field of conjecture.—**John A. Widtsoe.**

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President and Sister A. K. Anastasiou wish to express their very deep appreciation to their many friends and members of the Church for the numerous Christmas greetings and messages received, and to return the compliment with sincere affection and love.

Copy of Letter from:

737030 Pte. C. J. Durrant,
35th British General Hospital, R.A.M.C.,
c/o Base Post Office,
Colombo, Ceylon.
8th October, 1942.

Dear President,

My heart fills with great happiness as I pause for a few moments in the late hours of the night and pen to you these few lines in great hopes that they may reach you safely and find you and your loved ones all well and enjoying the rich blessings of life. I am so very happy to say that the Lord's rich blessings are ever present with me, for which I tender my most grateful thanks. I am very happy to say that we are still enjoying the rich spiritual blessings that come from partakings of the Sacrament at Sister Bleakley's, as we hold a short Sacrament meeting when we get time off from duty, usually on the Sabbath. We are so very happy and fortunate to have with us Brother Ernest Hawkes from the North London branch, and this sure is a great blessing that has fallen upon us all. I keep a record of each meeting held and will deliver them when I return back to dear old England, unless you wish for them to be sent through the post at different periods. However, the minutes are all kept in a separate book and will be kept safely, I trust. I sincerely trust that the folks back in the British Mission are enjoying the rich blessings and that the great work is progressing very well. Please extend to all my love, best wishes and greetings for the coming festive season and New Year. May God bless you all.

Very sincerely your Brother in the Gospel,

C. J. DURRANT.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

THE need of true friendship, sincere understanding, intelligent and pure relationship among the youth of the Church is very great. We hopefully look to the youth of the Church to heed the voice of God and the counsel of the Church authorities to eschew all form of evil and cling to the Saving Principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Friends of the league at the beginning of a new year we pray for you; we cherish in our hearts a sincere desire for your happiness, health and success. Bear in mind that your individual problems, as much as they come within the realm of our faith, mutual relationship, work and play, our own problems as well. Have courage, have faith in yourself and in the promises you have received from the Priesthood of the Church.

Here are some more Pen Frends, Write to them—They will write to you.

May McIlroy, 58, Joanmount Park, Belfast.

Miss Eileen Nelson,
64, Busk Street, Chadderton,
Nr. Oldham, Lancs.

Edna W. Bond (W.A.A.F.)
c.o. 129, Alliance Road, Belfast.

Jean Mullen Ditty,
129, Alliance Road, Belfast.

Eliz. L. Dornan (A.T.S.),
10, Holloway Park, Belfast.

Sign. W. Foote, 14318003.

Miss Catherine M. Evans (23),
Groundslow Sanatorium, Tittensor,
Stoke-on-Trent.

L./Bdr. A. H. Fudge, 917824.

Desmond Burt Chambers,
212, Joanmount Gardens, Belfast.

James M. C. Chambers,
212, Joanmount Gardens, Belfast.

Wm. A. Moore,
c.o. 129, Alliance Road, Belfast.

Raphael Campbell,
A.P.O. 506 (R.C.).

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. —A. K. A.

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Missionary Movements

TRANSFERS.

Sisters Myrtle and Lilian Foster were transferred from the Scottish to the Manchester District on the 28th December, 1942.

Sisters Alice A. Wild and Gladys M. Griffith were transferred from the Norwich to the London District on the 28th December, 1942.

Sisters Lucy Ripley and Mabel Fitton were transferred from the Hull to the Liverpool District on the 28th December, 1942.

AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the direction of the Mission Presidency.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD OUTLINE OF STUDY FOR FEBRUARY, 1943.

The following outlines indicate what material should be studied each week during the month of February. Note.—Only three lessons are given each month. (On other Sundays in the month, time may be given to deal with living needs of the Branch and Priesthood.) Class leaders should present the text covered by these lessons at the Monthly Union or in some cases District Priesthood meetings, on the last Saturday of each month.

Lesson XL.	Judicial Provisions	(Chap. 17, pp. 211-215.)
Lesson XLI.	Judicial Provisions Church Tribunal	(Chap. 17, pp. 215-219.)
Lesson XLII.	Judicial Provisions Procedure of the Ward Bishop's Court	(Chap. 17, pp. 219-227.)

HOME MISSIONARIES—BRANCH TEACHERS

Every Home Missionary is assigned by the Mission Presidency to do branch teaching—visiting the homes of active and inactive members—to present the message as outlined each month on this page. PLEASE STUDY THE TEACHERS' MESSAGE VERY PRAYERFULLY. Your Branch President or H.M. Supervisor will give you the list of your visits for the month of February.

"BEHOLD, THIS IS YOUR WORK, TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YEA, WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, MIND AND STRENGTH."—D. and C. 11: 20.

TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY, 1943

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets,
—Matthew 22:37-40.

The first commandment alone should be sufficient as a guide to both divine and human relationship. A person who really loves the Lord never does anything to offend, to injure or popress one of His children. Therefore, loving God, one would also love His children.

But because human beings are weak and at times thoughtless and forgetful the second great commandment was given: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This second admonition clearly was given to reinforce the first. With these two commandments as a guide, members of the human family, except for human weakness and temptation, should have been able so to order their lives that they would have happiness and prosperity in this life and salvation in the life to come.

But, again, an allwise Heavenly Father, knowing the weakness of the flesh, gave other commandments, all amplifying the first two and giving specific warning against the most common of human sins.

Latter-day Saints, having been given much light and great blessings, should strive to show appreciation for the goodness of the Lord by accepting as a guide in their lives and in their homes, the two great commandments. We, above all people, should love the Lord with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. We should also love our neighbors, our brethren, and our sisters. This love should not only be acknowledged; it should be demonstrated. We should show our love by building His Kingdom, by living lives that will please Him, by sustaining His chosen servants, by helping each other, by kindness and consideration for the least of His children, the poor, the needy, the humble—in short, by living lives of true Latter-day Saints.

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY, 7th, 1943.

Under the direction of the Branch President.

THEME: AARONIC PRIESTHOOD IN THE CHURCH.

Opening hymn—No. 420, "An Angel from on High."
Invocation—
Sacrament hymn—No. 24, "Come, Follow Me."
Sacrament administration.
Scriptural reading: Doctrine and Covenants 2: 1-3 and Sec. 13.
1st Speaker: The History and Nature of the Aaronic Priesthood (see Priesthood and Church Government, pp. 167-169).
2nd Speaker: I am a Deacon—my Duties and Privileges—by a Deacon (see P'hood. and Church Govern., p. 173, D. and C. 20:58-60).
Hymn No. 90, "When First the Glorious Light of Truth."
3rd Speaker: Teachers in the Aaronic Priesthood—by a Teacher (P'Hood and Church Govern., pp. 174, 175; D. and C. 20: 38, 53 to 59).
4th Speaker: The Office of Priest—by a Priest (P'Hood and Church Govern., p. 175, D. and C. 20: 38, 46 to 52; 76: 56, 57.
Closing Hymn: No. 302, "Come, All Ye Sons of God."
Benediction.

RELIEF SOCIETY

President - - - - - - - - Sister Marie W. Anastasiou
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MEMBERSHIP IN THE RELIEF SOCIETY. Membership in the Relief Society carries the following obligations: (a) Attendance at Relief Society Meetings. (b) Payment of Annual Dues. (c) General interest in all other phases of Relief Society work. And women of good character who desire to unite with the Society shall be welcomed therein. Applicants should be recommended by a member and received by the majority vote of the members present. Membership in the Relief Society is perpetual. No name shall be removed except by request of the individual; or by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting, and for good and sufficient reasons. It is desirable for L.D.S. women to belong to the Relief Society even if they are unable, through illness or occupation, to attend meetings regularly. All mature women in the Church should be members of the Relief Society. When members are enrolled in the Relief Society for the first time, it is expected that they pay their membership dues for the year in which they were admitted. However, when new members enter the organisation after September 30th, the dues paid at this time should be considered as covering the remainder of the current year and also the following year.

Before the beginning of each new year, the Presidency of the Relief Society should visit every member, giving special attention to non-attendants and urging such members to become active in the Relief Society work. Special effort should also be made to enrol those who are eligible and are not members of the organisation.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES. Dues in the Relief Society consist of one shilling a year, to be sent to the Relief Society District Supervisor, to be forwarded to the Mission Relief Society Officers. The Annual Membership dues should be paid in advance in January of each year. The Dues should be sent to the District Supervisor not later than February 28th. Where members are unable to pay dues, or where members are unwilling to pay dues after earnest solicitation on the part of the Society officers, the Society should make up the amount from the General Fund and notify the individual of this action.

GENEALOGY

Chairman - - - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
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Sister Catherine L. M. Horner

REFERRING TO THE 1943 PROJECT

Several branches have requested that the time of closing the project (each branch to gather at least 100 names) be extended to March, 1943. As the Project commenced in March, 1942, to allow of a full year's working, the dead line will be extended to March, 1943.

There is yet a short time to complete your quota of names, many branches have already sent in two and some nearly three hundred names; will you help your Branch to achieve this commendable object?

A Genealogical Holiday

Are you due for a holiday this year? If so, may we suggest a Genealogical Holiday?

What more delightful way to spend your leisure time than to leave the busy town, travel to some quiet parish village and engage in the task of collecting data relating to your dead.

Several of our members last year took this novel and inspirational method of using their yearly rest from everyday work, they all state how much they enjoyed it.

Now is the time to plan just where you intend to go and what course of action you intend to take. If you write to us stating your problem we will be pleased to help you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
First Assistant - - - - - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping
Secretary - - - - - - - - - Sister Constance Chipping

PRELUDE:
First line, Song No. 289, Deseret Sunday School Songs.

SACRAMENT GEM, FEBRUARY:

O Lord of hosts we now invoke,
Thy Spirit most divine,
To cleanse our hearts while we partake,
The broken bread and wine.

POSTLUDE:
Last line, same song.

Dime Fund.—The Sunday School Board is pleased to announce that the sum of £30 has been collected, this constitutes a record of which we are justly proud.

Annual Reports.—Will all Sunday School Superintendents please meet with their secretaries as soon as possible so that the Annual reports may be sent in on time this year?

1943 Lesson Book Orders.—So far, the orders for 1943 lessons are somewhat disappointing; the Board is going to considerable trouble and expense to provide lessons for pupils of all eges, and we hope you will avail yourselves of the material which has been prepared. All book orders will now be despatched in the course of a few days.

We trust and pray that those who are responsible for the Sunday Schools will make every effort to ensure that 1943 will be an outstanding year in the teaching of the Gospel to the youth of the Church.

The British Mission Sunday School Board.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent - - - - - - Elder James P. Hill
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Preparation of the Programme for the first meeting night of your M.I.A. in January was unavoidably delayed, and it is the desire of the Mission Board that the Programme be presented on the FIRST MEETING NIGHT in February. The winning essay will be published in our next edition of the "Star" and will form part of the programme as published herewith.

THEME: APPRECIATION.
Opening song: "True to the Faith."
Invocation: By an Adult.
Presentation of the Slogan, Joshua, Chapter 1, v. 9:
"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest."

CHALLENGE—by an adult:

What does Youth think of Life? Does Youth appreciate the real values? Is Youth blinded to eternal things because of prevailing conditions? Will Youth shoulder the burden of rebuilding a chaotic world?

Challenge answered:

Brief talks may be given on the following thoughts:

Appreciation for the Common Gifts—daily bread, clothing, shelter.

Gratitude for the preservation of evils which might have come (and in some cases have come) and from which we have escaped.

Gratitude for friends.

Appreciation for the gift of life and the possession of a mortal body.

Gratitude for and appreciation of the Gospel and the Church.

Song: "To use the Gifts Thou Gavest me."

At this point the Winning Essay should be read by a good reader.

Following this have read the poems: "Wanted," by J. G. Holland (see "Millennial Star," No. 9, vol. 103) and "Carry On!" by Robert W. Service (see "Millennial Star," No. 24, vol. 102);

and finally a talk should be given:

"We Will Carry the Torch," by the best youth-speaker in the M.I.A. of your branch.

Closing song: "Comrades in the M.I.A."

Benediction.

GO TO IT!.

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

Sister Aurelia S. Rogers, a pioneer mother of Farmington, Utah, first conceived the thought of Primary. A natural born teacher with a background of refinement and culture, Sister Rogers was quick to see the necessity of organised activity and schooling among the children. Their parents were driven of necessity to work long and hard to provide them with food, clothing and shelter, and consequently the children were in danger of developing the roughness and uncouthness which so often seemed to result from pioneer life. It was Sister Rogers' belief, in her own words, that "the children should be taught to be better helps in the homes, to improve their manners, to learn everything that is good; they should also be taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sister Rogers took her ideas to Eliza R. Snow, the leader of women's activities in the Church at that time. Sister Snow, impressed with the necessity for, and the benefits to be derived from, organised effort in behalf of the childern, presented the matter to the general authorities, who approved the idea and appointed her to organise the proposed movement. The first step toward organisation was taken in Farmington, Utah, the home of Sister Rogers. A systematic canvas of the children under fourteen years of age to come to new meetings, resulted in an attendance at the first meeting of 215 out of the 224 children in the Ward.

The programme of early Primary consisted of singing, prayer, often in concert and often by the individual child himself, lesson presentation upon such subjects as obedience, faith in God, punctuality, good manners, Word of Wisdom, the memorising of Bible and Book of Mormon verses, gems, articles of faith, etc. It also included the planting of corn and beans to be stored for times of famine; handwork, such as the making of rag carpets for use in Church buildings; gathering of fruits and vegetables to be donated to the hospital.

Who does God's work will get God's pay
However long may seem the day
However weary be the way,
He does not pay as others pay,
In gold or land or raiment gay,
In goods that perish and decay.

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